(iii) Sub-marine pipeline for discharging the effluents at sea.

Removal of Polyester Staple Fibre and Yarn from OGL

2656. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to remove the import of polyester staple fibre and polyester staple yarn from O.G.L. and put it into the list of canalised items and whether protection as regard, price rise is going to be given to small weavers; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Import of polyester staple fibre has already been canalised through State Trading Corporation of India (STC) with effect from 6th May, 1987. Prices of polyester staple fibre are being monitored regularly. No decision has been taken to canalise the import of polyester filament yearn.

Kesho Ram Cotton Mills West Bengal

2657. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Kesho Ram Cotton Mills has been closed down in West Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the number of workers who have been rendered unemployed as a result thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to take over this mill in the interest of the workers and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) According to information received from the Government of West Bengal, the Kesho Ram Cotton Mills has not been closed down but is under a lockout from 15-2-87 allegedly due to indiscipline and stoppage of work by the workmen of the winding department. About 9000 workers have been affected by the lock out.

(d) The State Government have informed that they have no proposal for taking over the undertaking.

Smuggling of Chinese arms into India

2658. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Chinese made arms are smuggled into India from across the border;

(b) if so, what are the details there of;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter;

(d) what is the number of Chinese made arms seized during the past six months in the country; and

(e) whether Government have taken any step to stop the smuggling of Chinese made arms into India and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Border Security Force who are guarding the Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders have stated that they have not intercepted any Chinese made arms being smuggled into India from across the borroers.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) According to available reports, about 20 arms of Chinese origin were recovered from extremists in Punjab.

(e) Preventive steps taken include surveillance over persons suspected of smuggling and intensive patrolling of border areas.

Infiltrations from Pakistan

2659. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many unauthorised infiltrations have taken place into Punjab from Pakistan across the border, during the present spell of President's Rule; and

(b) what special measures Government have taken to prevent such unauthorised infiltrations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) During May 1987, the BSF had apprehended 33 illegal entrants on the Indo-Pak border in Punjab. Of these, 15 persons were handed over to the State Police for taking necessary action under the law and the remaining 18 persons were sent back to Pakistan. During June 1987, the BSF had apprehended 66 illegal entrants on the Punjab border, of whom 8 were handed over to the State Police and the remaining 58 persons were sent back.

(b) The BSF on Punjab Border are fully on vigil. Additional strength of BSF has been deployed. The BSF is being expanded in a big manner under a 5-year programme.

Arms with Mizo Insurgents

2660. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that erstwhile Mizo insurgents have not surrendered all their arms and ammunition to Government;

(b) whether Government have made any verification in this regard; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of such arms and ammunition have been passed on to the GNLF insurgents of Darjeeling and TNV insurgents of Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The Mizo National Front (MNF) deposited all the arms as per the information given to the Government by them.

(c) No such report has come to the notice of the Government.

Setting up of a Chemical Plant in South 24 Parganas, West Bengal

2661. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private sector chemical plant has been set up in Mandir Bazar Block of South 24 Parganas district, West Bengal, despite the objections raised by the Ministry of Environment; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) No such proposal has so far been referred for consideration of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Persons Killed by Terrorists in Punjab and Haryana

2662. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of innocent persons killed/injured by terrorists